

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A workover system for a subsea horizontal tree wherein a subsea drilling BOP is not utilized and a riser extends from the subsea horizontal tree towards the surface, the subsea horizontal tree comprising a tubing hanger, the tubing hanger supporting a production tubing string in a well, the well further comprising a casing string with an annulus defined between the casing string and the tubing string, the workover system comprising:

an adapter for connecting the riser with the subsea horizontal tree;

an annulus line for communication with the annulus;

a lower end of the annulus line being connected to a lateral port leading ~~into~~ in the subsea horizontal tree for communication with the annulus; and

at least one valve mounted between the lower end of the annulus line and the annulus for controlling fluid flow between the annulus line and the annulus, the at least one valve being mounted in at least one of either a position external to the subsea horizontal tree or a position within the tubing hanger.

2. **(Original)** The system as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:

a receptacle mounted externally to the subsea horizontal tree for receiving and guiding a lower end of the annulus line into fluid communication with the port, the at least one valve being mounted adjacent to the receptacle.

3.     **(Original)** A system as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:  
  
a tree cap, and  
  
an insertable isolation sleeve insertable through the tree cap, the isolation sleeve having an end for sealing engagement with the tubing hanger.

4.     **(Currently Amended)** The system as defined in Claim 3, wherein the lateral port is ~~spaced axially above the tree cap and~~ communicates with the annulus along a flow path adjacent to the insertable isolation sleeve through the tree cap.

5-6   **(Cancelled)**

7.     **(Currently Amended)** The system as defined Claim 1, wherein the lateral port is ~~defined below the tubing hanger~~.

8.     **(Original)** The system as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a tree cap, the tree cap and the tubing hanger being formed as separate components axially spaced apart with respect to each other.

9.     **(Original)** A system as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:  
  
the tubing hanger defining a tubing hanger central bore therethrough in communication with the production tubing string, the tubing hanger also defining

a substantially straight vertical flow path which is radially offset from the tubing hanger central bore, and the at least one valve is positioned along the vertical flow path for controlling fluid flow between the annulus line and the annulus.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A workover system for a subsea horizontal tree wherein a subsea drilling BOP is not utilized and a riser extends from the subsea horizontal tree towards the surface, the subsea horizontal tree comprising a tubing hanger, the tubing hanger supporting a production tubing string in a well, the well further comprising a casing string with an annulus defined between the casing string and the tubing string, the workover system comprising:

- an adapter for connecting the riser with the subsea horizontal tree;
- a tree cap defining a central tree cap bore therethrough;
- an annulus line for communication with the annulus;
- the annulus line passing laterally through one of the adapter and horizontal tree being connected to a port for communication with the annulus;

and

- an insertable isolation sleeve insertable through the tree cap central bore, the isolation sleeve having an end thereof for sealing engagement with the tubing hanger.

11. **(Original)** The system as defined in Claim 10, wherein the isolation sleeve seals with the adapter.

12. **(Original)** The system as defined in Claim 10, wherein the isolation sleeve does not seal with the tree cap central bore.

13. **(Original)** The system as defined in Claim 10, wherein the isolation sleeve seals with the tree cap central bore.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The system as defined in Claim 10, wherein the lateral port is ~~defined within~~ the adapter.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system as defined in 10, wherein the lateral port is ~~defined between~~ the tree cap and the tubing hanger.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The system as defined Claim 10, wherein the lateral port is ~~defined below~~ the tubing hanger.

17. **(Original)** The system as defined Claim 10, wherein the insertable isolation sleeve insertable through the tree cap central bore is available but is not utilized or has been removed.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A workover system for a subsea horizontal tree wherein a subsea drilling BOP is not utilized and a riser extends from the subsea horizontal tree towards the surface, the subsea horizontal tree

comprising a tubing hanger, the tubing hanger supporting a production tubing string in a well, the well further comprising a casing string, the casing string and production tubing defining an annulus therebetween, the system comprising:

- an adapter for connecting the riser with the subsea horizontal tree;
- a tree cap defining a central tree cap bore therethrough;
- an annulus line for communication with the annulus; and
- the annulus line being connected to a lateral port for communication with the annulus between the casing string and the production tubing string, the port being formed in the horizontal tree at a position below the tree cap.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The workover system of Claim 18, wherein the lateral port is ~~defined~~ below the tubing hanger.

20. **(Original)** A system as defined in Claim 18, further comprising:  
an insertable isolation sleeve insertable through the tree cap, the isolation sleeve having an end for sealing engagement with the tubing hanger.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 18, further comprising:  
a centrally positioned tubing hanger flow passageway, and a vertically extending flow passageway in the tubing hanger radially spaced from the tubing hanger flow passageway and in communication with the annulus and the port.

22. **(Original)** The system as defined in Claim 18, further comprising a tree cap, the tree cap and the tubing hanger being formed as separate components axially spaced apart with respect to each other.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A workover system for a subsea horizontal tree wherein a subsea drilling BOP is not utilized, the subsea horizontal tree comprising a tubing hanger, the tubing hanger supporting a production tubing string in a well, the well further comprising a casing string with an annulus defined between the casing string and the tubing string, the workover system comprising:

an annulus line for communication with the annulus;

a lower end of the annulus line being connected to a port leading into the subsea horizontal tree for communication with the annulus; and

at least one valve mounted between the lower end of the annulus line and the annulus for controlling fluid flow between the annulus line and the annulus, the at least one valve being mounted in at least one of either a position external to and supported from the subsea horizontal tree or a position within the tubing hanger; and

a riser which extends towards the surface from the subsea horizontal tree, the riser comprising ~~a smaller-an~~ an internal diameter ~~than an outer-substantially~~ equal to the internal diameter of the production tubing string supported by the tubing hanger.

**23-24. (Currently Amended)** The system as defined in Claim **22-23**, further comprising a tree cap, the tree cap and the tubing hanger being formed as separate components axially spaced apart with respect to each other.

25. **(New)** A system as defined in Claim 23, further comprising:  
a tree cap, and  
an insertable isolation sleeve insertable through the tree cap, the isolation sleeve having an end for sealing engagement with the tubing hanger.

26. **(New)** A system as defined in Claim 23, further comprising:  
the tubing hanger defining a tubing hanger central bore therethrough in communication with the production tubing string, the tubing hanger also defining a substantially straight vertical flow path which is radially offset from the tubing hanger central bore, and the at least one valve is positioned along the vertical flow path for controlling fluid flow between the annulus line and the annulus.